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TAGS: EAIR, BEXP, KU

SUBJ: GULF STATE AVIATION OFFICIALS MEETING ON FORMATION CARGO

AITLINE

REF: KUWAIT 2252

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS OFFICIALS FROM KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA, UAE, QATAR, BAHRAIN, AND OMAN OPENED TALKS IN KUWAIT ON JUNE 9 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON FORMATION OF JOINT CARGO AIRLINE.

2. EMBOFF HAD OPPORTUNITY TALK BRIEFLY WITH TECHNICAL CONSULTANT INVOLVED WITH PROJECT. HE SAID PREFEASIBILITY STUDY DONE BY BOOZ-ALLEN WAS VERY FAVORABLE TO PROJECT. BOOZ-ALLEN'S PERSONNEL ARE REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING AND ARE SUPPOSE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT PROJECT IN MANAMA MEETING SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. IT POSSIBLE BOOZ-ALLEN WILL BE GIVEN GREEN

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LIGHT TO PROCEED WITH MORE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY. ACCORDING

SOURCE KUWAIT WANTS TO SEE THIS PROJECT MOVE AHEAD VERY BADLY AND HAVE OFFERED BECOME HQ FOR PROJECT AND PROVIDE MAJOR AMOUNT OF FACILITIES AND FUNDING. WHILE SAUDIS TAKING PART IN MEETING IT NOT NECESSARILY LIKELY THAT THEY WILL JOIN. SOURCE CONFIRMED THAT ONE OF MAJOR QUESTIONS TO BE DEALT WITH WAS HOW COMPANY WAS FORMED--AS A JOINT-VENTURE AMONG THE THREE EXISTING AIRLINES SERVING THE GULF STATES OR AS A COMPLETELY NEW ENTITY WHICH WOULD DILUTE THE INFLUENCE OF KUWAIT OR SAUDI ARABIA IF IT DECIDED TO JOIN.

3. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING POSITIONS OF OTHER GULF STATES TOWARDS PROJECT AFTER MEETINGS HERE CONCLUDED.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN GOK'S FAIRLY LONG-STANDING SUPPORT FOR MORE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND PROBABLE DESIRE TO HAVE SOME CONCRETE RESULTS EMERGE FROM RECENT SPATE GULF SUMMITTYR, WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT KUWAIT WILL DO WHATEVER IT CAN TO SEE PROJECT IMPLEMENTED--EVEN IF SEVERAL OTHER GULF STATES REFUSE TO JOIN.

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